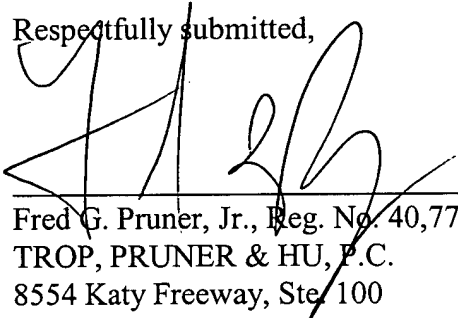


REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated May 16, 2003, the Examiner rejected the claims in view of the combination of the alleged admitted prior art and the Microsoft servicepack disclosure. Amended claims 34 and 44 overcome this rejection for at least the reason that the servicepack applies to updating a previously-installed Windows 95 operating system. However, there is no teaching or suggestion in the alleged admitted prior art or in the Microsoft servicepack disclosure relating to installing an standalone operating system (as defined in the claims) based on the information in an external configuration file. Therefore, for at least this reason, amended claims 34 and 44 overcome the § 103 rejections. Claims 35-43 and 45-51 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MCT.0126US).

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